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Intimations.

FOR STRAITS AND CALOUTTA.

THE Steamship

"ARRATOON APCAR,"
Captain A. B. MacAvish, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SATURDAY, the 14th instant, at 3 p.m.
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Hongkong, 9th January, 1882.

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Hongkong, January 11th, 1882.

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PROFESSOR A. MOUNT will give his unique PERFORMANCE at the GARRISON THEATRE, by kind permission of the Military authorities, on SATURDAY, the 14th instant.
Doors open at 8.30; commence at 9.
Tickets to be had at W. P. Moore's.
Front Seats, \$1; Second, 50c.; Third, 25c. For Particulars see handbills.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1882.

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SATURDAY,
JANUARY 14TH,

LAST PERFORMANCE BUT ONE

OF THE WANDERERS

THE GREAT MODERN BURLESQUE
"BROWN AND THE BRAHMS;
OR,
POP AND THE PRINCESS
PRETTY EYES."

Tomidod the Tremendous... Mr. Short.
Gallipot... Mr. Russell.
Brown (An awful warning to aspiring grocers wrecked reckless and wretched)... Mr. Pemberton W. Willard.
The High Priest of Mr. Long-Brahma... Mr. Long-Brahma.
Keemo Kimo... Miss A. Vernie.
Captain Pop... Miss V. Lyle.
Princess Pretty-Eyes... Miss A. Beresford.
Fatima... Miss O. Carlton.
Easign Pot... Mr. Baldie Sewers.
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PAGES, &c.

THE FOLLOWING SONGS, &c.,

WILL BE INTRODUCED
THE LATEST LONDON
SUCCESSES.
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WHEN MY SHIP COMES HOME.
OH MY LITTLE DARLING,
I LOVE YOU.
FIZZ FIZZ.
ALL ON ACCOUNT OF ELIZA.
FULL MOON UNION.
HEY JENNY, HO JENNY
JOHNSON.
BY PRETTY RED ROSE,
ARTHUR AND MARTHA.
TOOTHICKS AND THE CHURCH.
COURTING IN THE MOONLIGHT.
WE ARE A MERRY FAMILY, WE ARE.
GOLD, GOLD, GOLD.
JACKS AND JILLS.
OH, HE PROMISES!
YOU'RE QUITE TOO AWFULLY UTTER.
PRETTY LIES.
CAPTAIN LA DI DA DI DO.
GET A LITTLE TABLE.
GRAND FINALE, OVER THE
STILE.

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Soldiers and Sailors in uniform
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Intimations.

HONGKONG, CANTON, & MACAO,
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 26th instant, inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th January, 1882.

HONGKONG, CANTON, & MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 52, Queen's Road, on THURSDAY, the 26th January instant, at THREE O'CLOCK in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and Electing Auditors.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th January, 1882.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, on THURSDAY, the 26th instant, at 4 o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts and declaring a Dividend.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
LOUIS HAUSCHILD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 6th January, 1882.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to 26th instant, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
LOUIS HAUSCHILD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 6th January, 1882.

LE CERCLE-TRANSPORTS.
SOCIETE ANONYME D'ASSURANCE MARITIME MARSEILLE.

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CAPITAL PAID-UP... 3,750,000 Francs.

The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS of the above Company, are prepared to GRANT POLICIES on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World.
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

G. FALCONER & CO.,
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.
No. 46, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

I have Authorised Mr. Jacob BENJAMIN ELIAS to Sign my name per procuratione from this date.
E. R. BELLIOS.
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1882.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. CARL KREBS in Our Firm Ceased on the 31st December, 1880.
Mr. CARL JANZEN and Mr. ST. O. MICHAELSEN are Authorised to Sign Our Firm from TO-DAY.
MELOHERS & Co.
Hongkong, Shanghai,
1st January, 1882.

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD of UNDERWRITERS.
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

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The Outfitting Department is well assorted in everything requisite for the coming Season.
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GALA WEAR.

FLOWERS, FEATHERS, GLOVES, RIBBONS,
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Hongkong, 6th December, 1881.

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DRUGGISTS,
GENERAL CHEMISTS,
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Manufacturers of the following
ABRATED WATERS, viz:
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THE DISPENSARY.
FOOCHOW.

THE Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 13TH JANUARY, 1882.

THE numerous fires which annually occur at this season of the year have lately attracted a good deal of public attention, and naturally have led to these ever recurring conflagrations just before the Chinese New Year being regarded with some suspicion. It is certainly a most extraordinary circumstance that throughout the greater portion of the year fires occur but rarely in any part of the Colony, whilst at this particular time—just prior to the annual squaring up of accounts on which the Chinese place so much importance—the native business portions of the city are almost constantly the scene of fires of a more or less serious description. Within the past fortnight we have had something like half a dozen conflagrations in various parts of Hongkong, and we learn that, singularly enough under the circumstances, the whole of the buildings burned were fully insured. This of course is a matter which specially affects the Fire Insurance Companies, and it appears to us that if they would combine, effective measures might be taken to discover whether these numerous fires are really the result of accident, or the work of interested incendiaries. As this is an appeal to the pockets of the shareholders in these companies, it may in time receive some practical consideration.

There is, however, another side to the question of far greater importance than mere financial losses to the Fire Insurance Companies, and one which demands the best attention of the local authorities. We refer to the general interests of the public, which, it must be conceded, are very seriously imperilled by the suspicious frequency of these fires throughout the Colony. It is perfectly true that during the present season we have been lucky enough to escape a conflagration of a very serious nature; although it is quite likely that had a strong wind been blowing while the fire was raging in Queen's Road yesterday afternoon, we would have had to record a repetition of the terrible calamity of the Christmas of 1879. It is a matter of certainty that with the assistance of a slight breeze from the north or north west, the publishing office of the Chinese newspaper at the back of the "Liverpool Arms" could not possibly have escaped, and the whole of Gough Street would probably have been destroyed. More by good luck than good management this danger was avoided, but who can say that the next fire may not be assisted by the elements to such an extent as to render the services of the Fire Brigades of little or no avail? The experiences of the great conflagration in December, 1879, conclusively prove that a fire in one of the crowded na-

tive districts of the city if assisted by a breeze of wind, endangers the safety of the whole Colony, and is far beyond the powers of our fire engines to successfully resist. Hundreds of persons were totally ruined by the terrible calamity above alluded to, and history would but repeat itself under similar circumstances. There are still people in Hongkong who firmly believe that what will ever be known as the Great Fire was the deliberate work of an incendiary, and that the failure of the authorities to bring the charge home to the suspected person, was a gross miscarriage of justice. Be that as it may, there would appear to be good grounds for viewing the large number of recent fires with suspicion, and it is therefore a duty the authorities owe to the public, and the public owe to themselves, to use every available means to thoroughly investigate the causes which lead to every fire occurring in our midst, so as to abate what has become a dangerous nuisance. Gross carelessness in these matters is almost as criminal, and deserving of punishment, as wilful fire-raising.

It appears to us that every fire in Hongkong produces a fresh incident showing the great necessity existing for the services of a professional firemaster. Had such a man been present when a small difficulty occurred in the Hollywood-road, much time lost in getting the insurance engine to work would have been saved. The goose-neck would not fit, that is to say in could not be screwed on. Now, these copper pipes that screw on to the plugs are all the same size, and the plug-pipe only wanted cleaning of rust and dirt to fit the goose-neck, but from want of thought or tools, or both, the engine stood still useless for a time sufficiently long to burn down much property. Neither did it occur to those in charge to fall back upon the next plug until much valuable time had been lost, notwithstanding that plenty of hose for doing so was on the spot. This ultimately was done, but would have been done instantly by a professional fireman, or, for that matter, by "any other man" with two ideas in his head.

The German corvette *Stosch* undocked at Aberdeen this forenoon. The German barque *Carl Gerard* came out of Kowloon Dock to-day, making room for H.M.S. *Belk*.

An American paper states that Richard White Grant, fainting the other day when a friend whose grammar he was correcting told him of a Western girl whose companion asked her at a party—"Shall I skin a banana for you?" "No, I thank you," she replied; "I have one already skinned."

In reply to our enquiries at the Civil Hospital as to the condition of Constable T. Middle, who was seriously injured at the fire in Queen's Road yesterday afternoon, we learn that he was unconscious throughout the night; but that he is so much improved this forenoon that great hopes are entertained of his recovery.

Judgment was delivered on December 1st by the Military District Court of St. Petersburg in the case of Prince Scherwaschidze, who was charged with having killed M. Mossjagin, a merchant, in a brawl at a restaurant last summer. The accused was found guilty of having drawn his sabre in the affair, and of having inflicted upon M. Mossjagin a serious wound, which, however, according to the finding of the Court was not the cause of death. He was sentenced to be exiled for three years to the government of Archangel, to be dismissed from the army, and to lose his nobiliary rights and titles. He was further ordered to pay a fine of 5,000 roubles as compensation to another merchant who sustained permanent injuries in the affair. In view, however, of the provocation which the Prince received, the Minister of War will submit the sentence to the Emperor, with a recommendation that it be commuted to three years' confinement in a fortress without deprivation of rights.

It was telegraphed from London yesterday that great excitement has been created in Egypt by a collective note, calling for daily service from January 1st.

The following says the *Daily News* of December 2nd, is the number of Socialists expelled from three important towns in Germany: Berlin, 155; Hamburg and environs, 195; Leipzig, 70; total, 420. Most of these have wives, children, and relations dependent upon them for their bread. The majority have emigrated to England or America. Four had been previously members of Parliament. Their names are Messrs. Fritzsche, Vahlteich, Reimer, and Hesselmann.

A Correspondent writes:—The ill-advised zeal of Bishop Grassier of Singapore, which resulted in complications necessitating the abandonment of Singapore by the "Christian Brothers," after a dozen or more years educational work in connection with St. Joseph's Institution, could not be better exposed and censured than by adducing the success of the labors of the same Society at Rangoon, to which place some of the Singapore Brothers have transferred their services. St. Paul's Institution, Rangoon, now numbers 500 pupils, and during the past half year no less than 100 pupils have been refused admission in consequence of inadequate space. The *Rangoon Gazette* adds on this head:—"We know how active and zealous these Christian Brothers are to extend their influence for good, having no domestic ties of any kind whatever, to distract their attention from their good work, the necessity which compels them to refuse further pupils must be a pressing one indeed. The good that the Christian Brothers do is not confined to children of their own denomination; their establishment is open to lads of every caste and creed, as any one who has visited their institution in Sooky Pagoda Street can see for himself. Perhaps such a congregation of so many nationalities it would be difficult to find in any other institution in the world; and that this is so is a sure testimony to the universal esteem in which the instruction imparted in this place is held, as well as of the very moderate fees levied for the same." Another claim that the Christian Brothers possess to our consideration is, that they are educating a large number of orphans *gratis*, who might otherwise grow up ignorant and neglected, or go to swell the ranks of the criminal classes.

The *Daily News* says that according to an article in *Harper's Weekly* the heathen Chinese has done more than ruin the Caucasian by cheap labour. He has introduced a taste for smoking opium. We do not suppose that this will become a national vice in America any more than in England. In both countries people like more energy, even in their vices. The paradise of opium is one into which few people of English blood care to find the key, or to keep it, having found it. Some French literary men of the "romantic" school made experiments in smoking "bang," but the experiment did not last long after Théophile Gautier made a literary use of it, and turned it into "copy." According to *Harper's Weekly*, things have gone farther in America. "There are from three to five thousand Americans, male and female, smoking opium once or twice daily." The writer says he has known thirteen recruits join the army of opium smokers in one week, and out of the thirteen, four were actresses. The curiosity of Eve is not extinct, but we scarcely believe that the four actresses will long accept the blandishments of that serpent, the opium-pipe. People smoke opium in Fourth and Second Avenues, and the rooms are kept by Chinese. One fails to see why a man should not smoke opium, if he must be so foolish, in his own smoking room. On entering a "joint" or smoking room you take off your coat, collar, and shoes, and lie down on a kind of divan. The opium, a very cheap luxury, is brought in a clam shell on a long steel needle, and is heated over a flame. It is then twisted about, and finally rolled into a pea, and forced with the needle into the bowl. Finally the pipe bowl is held about the flame and the smoke inhaled. The bowl is then cooled with a damp sponge and the whole operation is begun over again. Opium seems troublesome stuff to smoke, and will never be a rival to tobacco.

RIFLE MATCH.

HONGKONG POLICE v. IRON DUKE.
A Rifle Match came off yesterday at Kowloon between a team of eight men from H.M.S. *Iron Duke* and an equal number from the Hongkong Police. The distances were 300, 500, and 700 yards, 7 rounds at each distance, military marking. The ranges, we may observe, were chosen by the *Iron Duke's* team and are most unusual distances for match firing. The weather was very unfavourable for high class marksmanship, there being a very unsteady breeze blowing from the left, front, and a nasty haze between the firing points and targets, which made good shooting impossible at the long range. The shooting on both sides was far from first rate, and considerably under the average of both teams. The Police took the lead at the 300 yards and never allowed their "Brothers in Blue" to get on level terms, eventually winning the match by 75 points. We understand that the Police team, which in years gone by was a long way the first in the Colony, has lately lost a number of its best shots, and in a few weeks more will lose the Captain of the Team, Inspector Cameron, who for years has taken a great deal of interest in his men, and been, as a matter of fact, the heart and soul of rifle shooting in this Colony. It is but fair to state that the Inspector has at all times received every encouragement from Captain Dwyer and Mr. C. V. Creagh, who often supplied prizes and free ammunition to encourage rifle shooting by the members of the police force. We hear that Inspector Cameron is not the only one of the old team that is about to leave the Colony, several others of the Inspectors having made up their minds to leave at the expiration of their ten year's service. Apart altogether from rifle shooting, we must express our regret that the Government has not seen fit to retain these young and experienced officers in the service by holding out some inducement in the way of an increase of pay. It is surely a false economy to bring out a batch of inexperienced men to supersede the Inspectors who have had ten years' experience in the colony, especially as the latter are quite willing to remain if any inducement is held out to them. The scores of the respective teams are as under:—

HONGKONG POLICE.				
	300 yards.	500 yards.	700 yards.	Total.
Inspector Cameron...	23	21	23	67
Sergeant Grant...	17	20	18	55
Inspector Thompson...	16	19	20	55
Act-Serg. McDonald...	25	18	8	51
Inspector Quincey...	24	20	12	56
Sergeant Butline...	23	21	12	56
Inspector Fleming...	23	22	16	61
Constable Sayers...	22	22	12	56
173 163 121 457				
H.M.S. IRON DUKE.				
	300 yards.	500 yards.	700 yards.	Total.
Cannon...	17	16	17	50
White...	20	17	19	56
Bell...	18	19	18	55
Webber...	24	21	18	63
Greedy...	19	15	10	44
Crocombe...	16	14	6	36
Haynes...	18	15	5	38
Lieutenant Robinson...	16	19	15	50
148 136 98 382				

The *San Francisco Post* has the following in its "answers to correspondents":—"The young lady at Mills Seminary who recently sent us a poem, entitled 'Marmoures from the Outer Utterness,' is informed that any pecuniary assistance she can send to the widow of the man to whom we gave it to read will be gratefully received by that lady."

The extraordinary character of our Bankruptcy Laws has long been a subject of public comment, and we have frequently heard the late Chief Justice Sir John Smale expatiating on their unsatisfactory working in this colony. Cases in which heavy liabilities were shown, with assets practically nil, have not been infrequent in Hongkong, nor are they confined to this part of the world. We note the report of a shady affair of this kind in a recent English paper. Finding, in a case heard before him at St. Albans, that the debts were £2,000 and the assets nil, Judge Whigham said that "in these matters we were going from bad to worse, and unless a stop was put to it the commercial credit of England would go back, and the whole system of commerce fall to pieces." This most unsatisfactory state of affairs calls for immediate and practical reform.

FIRE IN QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

About three o'clock yesterday afternoon, the fire bell rang out an alarm, that a fire was raging in the central district. On proceeding to the spot, quelled by the dense volume of smoke, we found that the scene of the conflagration was the *Quan-on* shop, a store of European fancy goods, lamps, oils, &c., situated at Nos. 187 and 189 Queen's Road West. The flames had already obtained complete mastery over the buildings, the inflammable character of a portion of the stock showing itself by the repeated blazes of blue flame which shot out high above the surrounding buildings. As the district is a very crowded one, and the shops in the vicinity contained large quantities of inflammable materials, there appeared every prospect of a tremendous conflagration, as the flames were blazing furiously, and spreading on all sides with alarming rapidity. The Fire Engines, manned by the members of the Government and Volunteer Fire Brigades, were quickly on the spot, and an unlimited supply of water being in readiness, no time was lost in commencing to play on the burning mass. Fortunately there was hardly a breath of air, so that the efforts of the firemen to prevent the fire from spreading were greatly favored in this respect, and also as they could see exactly how matters were progressing. A number of Chinese manuals were also quickly at work from the roofs of surrounding houses, and rendered good services in many instances. The Chinese printing offices at the back of the burning buildings, and the "Liverpool Arms" on the eastern side were for a time in great danger, especially as the water supply from Gough Street was for a time altogether inadequate for the requirements of the engines in that direction, and the steam engine of the Insurance Company was standing still at the top of Aberdeen-street, in the Hollywood-road, for a long time because the firemen in charge of it had not the thought to fall back on the next plug, the goose-neck not fitting where they were. They ultimately went back to where Peel-street crosses, and soon got to work. However, the firemen soon found their way into the printing office, and on to the roof of the public house, where after a time their efforts to confine the flames were completely successful. The fire having completely gutted the *Quan-on* shop was soon got under, and before five o'clock all danger of the flames spreading had passed. The printing office alluded to above was partially damaged by the flames, and the whole of the paper, stock-in-trade, &c., removed by order of Mr. Molten, the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, and piled up on the opposite side of the street was completely spoiled. The necessity for removing the goods after all danger had passed away was hardly apparent, however, that is the business of the Insurance Companies, as we doubt not the stock in question would be fully insured. Shortly before five o'clock reports were circulated that another fire was raging in Messrs. Gibb, Livingston, and Co.'s old premises, and at one or two other districts in the colony, and several of the firemen at once proceeded to investigate what fortunately proved to be idle rumours. We regret to have to record a rather serious accident which happened to Acting Sergeant Thomas Middle, a constable attached to the Fire Brigade, who was directing a stream of water into the burning house when the granite beam supporting the second verandah cracked by the heat and fell down in several pieces, one of which struck Middle on the head, and knocked him down. He was at once removed to the Hospital where his wound was attended to by Dr. Marques. We believe he is suffering from concussion of the brain, the injury being of a serious character. We learn that the *Quan-on* shop, which was completely gutted, is covered by insurance in one of the German Offices to the tune of \$18,000.

Even Mr. William Gladstone takes a sporting turn at times. In the House of Commons, recently, he offered to lay Sir Michael Hicks-Beach 10 to 1 on Sir Wilfrid Lawson's success in the motion about the Transvaal. Sir Michael did not accept, otherwise Mr. Gladstone would have been \$1 richer, presuming, of course, that statesmen pay their wagers.

TRAINING NOTES.

The weather was much milder at the race course this morning, and the attendance equal to the coffee table larger than usual. Now that the ponies are commencing fast work, we shall not doubt see a more lively state of affairs than has recently been the case. The training track is in really splendid order, the heavy dews and the big roller on which having worked wonders. This morning was not particularly interesting from a sporting point of view, nearly the whole of the ponies being confined to the customary trotting exercises. Spectro entered once round in good style, his stable companion Phantom doing a long spell of trotting. We are sorry to hear that the promising black, Oranwell, in this team has gone like many others "in the shoulder." The whole of Mr. Gordon's team did healthy exercises, the three subscription ponies, Whisper, Souter Johnny, and Glenagry finishing up with a sharp burst the length of the straight. Mr. Henry's string including Jet, (late Storm Wind) quite recovered from his temporary stiffness, all trotted various distances. We regret to hear that Frascuelo (late Gaslight) has been unwell, and had to be led yesterday. Mr. Paul's powerful contingent did nothing of much importance, although Tjmhahil overpowered the "Horse" and had a short spin for his own amusement, if we except a sharp half mile gallop by the good looking brown griffin Sirocco. Mr. Grammont's cavalcade were busy at work, and we noted symptoms of a disposition to back Rataplan, the handsome dun or chestnut griffin, to which we have several times alluded in our sporting comments for the Valley and German Cup. Wild Eddy, Redstart, "W.S." Wild Race, Wild Surf, Bohemian, and the two grey griffins belonging to "Harry" were on the course, all looking in good order, excepting Wild Surf. The big dark grey griffin in the East Point contingent, strode along as usual, his stable companions only trotting. The race course will be open for galloping to-morrow morning, when good sport will be witnessed.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.—(BEFORE THE FULL COURT.)

DE GRACA V. PITMAN.

This case was brought before the Court yesterday on the petition of defendant, to allow plaintiff to show cause why a verdict should not, on the weight of evidence adduced at the recent trial, be recorded in favor of defendant, or a new trial be granted. Mr. T. O. Hayllar, Q.C., and Mr. E. McKean, instructed by Messrs. Sharp, Toller, and Johnson, represented the plaintiff, and Mr. Francis, instructed by Messrs. Stephens and Holmes, appeared for the defendant.

Mr. Hayllar said he was there to show cause why the verdict obtained by the plaintiff should not be set aside, and instead thereof a verdict entered for the defendant, or, why there should not be a new trial. The petition which had been presented set forth that the cheque was improperly stamped and had never become a negotiable instrument, and that any authority ever given had been expressly revoked, and that by the revocation of that authority the cheque had never become payable; and that the verdict of the jury was given against the weight of evidence and was perverse and contrary to the recommendation of the Judge. The learned counsel explained that Mr. Pitman in this transaction was the agent of a band of Chinese adventurers, as his stopping the cheque proved that he thought them pecuniarily worthless. He contended Mr. Pitman and Wong Wo, occupied the position of lender and borrower, and after the cheque had been given Mr. Pitman had no control over it. The petition presented by Wong Wo to the Macao Government destroyed any foundation to the story that the defence had got up, that the Macao Government had acted arbitrarily in the matter; and the plea, that the sum meant to be forfeited in this petition was a promissory note written by Wong Wo, could not be entertained, as that promissory note was never accepted by the Macao Government, and the only deposit therefore was the \$10,000 lent by Mr. Pitman to Wong Wo; and the

jury had this clearly laid before them. Mr. Pitman had no control over that cheque after it was granted, and any difference of relations between the Macao Government and Wong Wo did not in any way affect his responsibility for the value of the cheque. He submitted that there was no necessity for the price of the name appearing on such a cheque, unless it had been dishonoured, and as Mr. Pitman had no control over it after it came into the possession of Wong Wo, the holder of the cheque had a perfect right to fill in his name at any time he might wish to present it. Wong Wo had been unable to fulfil the conditions of sale and had agreed to forfeit the deposit to the Macao Government, and consequently Mr. Pitman was no responsible for the amount of the cheque.

Mr. Francis argued that this cheque having no proper stamp prevented it ever becoming a negotiable instrument, and that the Governor of Macao had taken this cheque as Wong Wo's cash, with all the equities of the transaction between Mr. Pitman and Wong Wo, and that Mr. Pitman had never become a guarantor or security for Wong Wo and his syndicate. Wong Wo had not fulfilled the conditions which were agreed to between him and Mr. Pitman. If Mr. Pitman were liable for anything he was liable for the revocation, and not for the cheque itself. Assuming that the cheque had been a perfect instrument and had not been presented till after the sale had been rescinded, as it had occurred in this case, then Mr. Pitman would not have been liable to pay this money. Mr. Pitman, although cognizant of Wong Wo's petition being presented, did not imagine that the deposit referred to was his \$10,000, but that it referred to Wong Wo's promissory note. The Government of Macao had no other reason for withholding the presentation than that they knew that Wong Wo had not provided the money to Mr. Pitman and this explained Mr. Pitman's action in not mentioning that the cheque was stopped. Mr. Pitman had signed the cheque under one set of conditions and the Governor the next day had altered and violated these conditions; and any further connection that he might have had in the business was only at the solicitation of the Governor of Macao. Mr. Pitman was not responsible for Wong Wo's want of money, and the only question was really, how far was Mr. Pitman liable by giving this cheque. It was only given to Wong Wo on condition that the money would be paid up, and this not having been complied with relieved Mr. Pitman of all responsibility. There was a complete failure of consideration between Wong Wo and the Governor of Macao, even if the cheque had been a good one. There had also been a failure of consideration between Wong Wo and Mr. Pitman, therefore no authority could attach to this cheque.

After some further discussion on the legal bearings of the case, their Lordships intimated their intention of reserving their decision.

The present Duke of Wellington has drawn a pension of £4,000 per annum since the death of his father. He has also £30,000 a year from estates given the Iron Duke by the nation, and the interest on £750,000 voted to his father, after the battle of Waterloo. He is 74 years of age.

The Russian journals publish some terrible details of the diphtheria epidemic in Russia, which is stated far to exceed in intensity and in the extent of its range all the previous visits of this disease, so peculiarly fatal to the young. In certain communes and parishes it is reported to have carried off all the children up to fifteen years of age. From the official statistics of the medical department it appears that the origin of the attack dates from 1872, when it made its first appearance in Bessarabia; since then it has spread far and wide over the southern part of the Empire, whence it has lately begun to make rapid progress toward the east and the north-west. It is observed that it follows the direction of the prevailing winds of the southern portion of Russia in Europe. The latest provinces affected are those of Tambov, Saratof, and Samara. In Paltova, a province of considerably less than two millions of inhabitants, there have been 45,543 cases, of which no fewer than 18,765 have proved fatal.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

THIS DAY, Four p.m.

With the exception of a few sales in Banks, and a fair amount of business in Steamboats, our report from the Stock Exchange contains nothing of special interest. The broker who had a commission to purchase a small lot of Banks, finding it impossible to obtain what he required at 118, eventually came to terms at 119 per cent. premium, and at this rate this stock may be considered fairly firm, although there are still sellers at that price. Chinese Insurances are steady at subjoined quotations, and China Firms are in demand to a limited extent at 235 per share. There have been no further transactions in Docks, and their actual position in the market is rather difficult to define accurately. For cash the shares are offered at 46 per cent. premium without finding buyers; but on the other hand offers to purchase on time at 47 for the end of February have met with no response. Steamboats have been made the medium of substantial business, although at a slightly lower rate than our last quotation. A fair number of shares have changed hands at 26 per cent. premium, and there is still a good demand at the same figure, which has not been responded to up to the time of going to press. We have heard several enquiries after Sugars, but so far as we know no actual business has been booked. Nothing else requires special mention.

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation—119 per cent. premium, Sellers.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1,600 per share.
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$1,550 per share.
North-China Insurance Company—Tls. 1,175 per share.
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 875 per share.
Chinese Insurance Company—\$235 per share. Ex. Div.
Man On Insurance Company, Limited—\$25 per share premium.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$935 per share, Buyers.
China Fire Insurance Company—\$295 per share, Buyers.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—46 per cent. premium, Sellers.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Company—\$26 per share premium, Sales and Buyers.
China Coast Steam Navigation Company—Tls. 162 per share.
Hongkong Gas Company—\$85 per share.
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$100 per share. Nominal.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$167½ per share.
China Sugar Refining Company (Debtors)—3 per cent. premium.
Hongkong Ice Company—\$130 per share, Sales.
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$53½ per share, Buyers.
Chinese Imperial Government Loan of 1873—1½ per cent. premium, ex interest.
Chinese Imperial Government Loan of 1881—2½ per cent. premium.

EXCHANGE.

On LONDON—Bank Bills, T.T. 3/8½
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/8½
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/8½
Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/8½
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight 3/8½
On PARIS—Bank Bills, on demand 4/67
Credits, at 4 months' sight 4/80
On BOMBAY—Bank, T.T. 219
On CALCUTTA—Bank, T.T. 219
On SHANGHAI—Bank, T.T. 73
Private, 30 days' sight 73½

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(TAKEN AT MESSRS. FALCONER AND CO.'S REGISTER, QUEEN'S-ROAD.)

Hongkong, 12th & 13th January, 1882.
BAROMETER—1 P.M. 30.240
Do. 4 P.M. 30.232
THERMOMETER—1 P.M. 61.
Do. 4 P.M. 61.
Do. 1 P.M. (Wet bulb) 53.
Do. 4 P.M. Do. 55.
BAROMETER—9 A.M. 30.301
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. 57.
Do. 9 A.M. (Wet Bulb) 54.
Do. Maximum 61.
Do. Minimum (over night) 52.

An exceptionally complex case, which has been engaging the attention of the Birmingham Bankruptcy Court for several months past, has just been further complicated by the marriage of the bankrupt, a widow, under somewhat romantic circumstances. While giving that constant attendance at the Court which her entangled affairs necessitated, the lady, who is just over thirty years of age, and who had carried on the business of her husband as a butcher, made the acquaintance of a painter and decorator in Court. The friendship ripened fast, and day after day the widow was escorted to the Court and to her legal adviser's by her devoted attendant, much to the amusement of the Court officials. The fair bankrupt a few days since having bestowed her hand upon him, an application will be made to the Judge to make him a party to the proceedings pending, but it is by no means improbable that the husband will be rewarded for his daring by receiving a considerable surplus from the bankrupt's estate, which at one time showed at least 40s. in the pound.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.

Jan. 12, DALPHIN, German 3-m. sch., 288, J. W. Lillenthal, Kandore (Celebes) 15th December, Rattans.—Melchers & Co.
Jan. 12, YORRONG, British steamer, 286, Kennett, Swatow 11th January, General.—Kwok Acheong & Sons.
Jan. 13, WYOLIFFE, British steamer, 602, J. B. Boswell, Canton 12th January, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.
Jan. 13, NINGPO, British steamer, 761, R. Cass, Canton 12th January, General.—Stamson & Co.
Jan. 13, RAHAN, German ship, 1,358, F. Albrecht, Cardiff 16th August, Coal.—Order.
Jan. 13, VORWAERTS, German str., 611, Evers, Tourn 3rd Jan., Haiphong, and Hoilow, General.—Wieler & Co.
Jan. 13, HORROW, British steamer, 895, T. Shaw, Chinkiang 8th January, Rice.—Butterfield & Swire.
Jan. 13, FOONHOW, British steamer, 709, Clegg, Shanghai 9th January, Rice.—Butterfield & Swire.
Jan. 13, TAMAU, British steamer, 919, J. Whittle, Canton 13th January, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

DEPARTURES.

Jan. 12, CHIBBOO, British steamer, for Swatow.
Jan. 12, ORUSADEN, British steamer, for Saigon.
Jan. 12, FUNG-CHAO-HAI, Chinese gunboat, for a cruise.
Jan. 13, JAMES WILSON, British bark, for Iloilo.
Jan. 13, BELLONA, German steamer, for Saigon.
Jan. 13, FREN, Danish str., for Bangkok.
Jan. 13, HAMBURG, German bark, for Hamburg.
Jan. 13, PRING-ON, British str., for Hoilow.
Jan. 13, HOLOW, British str., for Canton.
Jan. 13, HECOR, Ger. sch., for Quinhon.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per Dolphin, from Kandore (Celebes).—Mr. A. O. A. Roe.
Per Yotting, str., from Swatow.—82 Chinese.
Per Vorwaerts, str., from Tourn, &c.—35 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The German steamship Vorwaerts reports left Tourn on the 3rd January, Haiphong, and Hoilow, and had moderate monsoon.
The British steamship Yotting reports left Swatow on the 11th January, and had fine weather all the passage, with light N.E. monsoon.

MAILS.

The following mails will close:—
TO-MORROW, 14th January.—
For Straits Settlements and Calcutta, per Morry and Arratoon Apar, at 2.30 p.m. For Saigon, per Fernambuco, at 4.30 p.m. For Yokohama, per Sunda, at 5 p.m. For Swatow, Amoy, and Foonhow, per Fokien, at 5 p.m. For Swatow and Bangkok, per Dale, at 5 p.m.
On MONDAY, 16th January.—
For the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India (via Madras), the Australasian Colonies, Aden, Egypt, Malta and Gibraltar, per Ocus, for printed matter at 10 a.m. letters at 11 a.m. For Manila, per Diamante, at 1.30 p.m. For Amoy and Manila, per Enny, at 3.30 p.m.
On FRIDAY, 20th January.—
For Kobe and Yokohama, per Takasago Maru, at 3.30 p.m.

At a certain Victorian mission station a little blackfellow, when sent out to catch fish for consumption on the place, always returned with big fish on the string, while others who fished, got more minnows than tritons. When asked the secret of his singular success, he explained:—"I always pray for a big foil. Of course I can get any amount fish-ttle fellows without praying."

The Prince of Wales is accredited with a *bon mot*, apropos of the Ashmoat-Bartlett Bartlett-Coutts matrimonial business. "What can have made her do it?" said Lord Londesborough. "Not love, surely. She's too old." "And not money," added Alan Young, "she don't want it." "I'll tell you what it was," remarked H.R.E., after a pause: "It was curiosity!"

A village doctor went out to visit a patient in a neighbouring hamlet, and took with him his gun, that he might wing any game he encountered on crossing the fields. A farmer meeting him on the way asked whether he was going. "To see a patient," was the answer. "What, then," said the farmer, "do you really fear to miss him in the ordinary way, that you have your gun with you to make sure of him?"

Intimations.

TELEPHONES.

THE Undersigned, acting as Agent for the proposed LOCAL PUBLIC TELEPHONE COMPANY, the Promoters of which have received permission from Government to erect lines in the Public Streets and over Crown Lands in all parts of the Colony, will be glad to receive at once orders for the sale or hire of Telephones and for the erection of Lines. He has just finished a complete set of Posts and Brackets from the Centre of the Town to East Point, which, although at present occupied by only four lines, is suitable for a much larger number, which can be at once erected, as a supply of superior Instruments has just been received. The undersigned regrets his inability to offer to erect lines for the Public without remuneration, but the charges are most moderate, and all persons who wish can purchase their own instruments. As the profits of the proposed local Company will be in the hands of the Subscribers who are Shareholders, and not be taken out of the Colony, the Promoters anticipate that their scheme will meet with large support.
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FIGS.

MALAGA RAISINS.

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TABLE PLUMS.

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ments have been made to publish
punctually at that hour, so that Sub-
scribers who do not receive their papers
by 4.30 will oblige by communicating
with the Manager.

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tions intended for insertion in to-
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large portion of Asia comprised be-
tween Penang, in the Straits Settle-
ments, and the Northern Ports, includ-
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and Japan; the Philippine Islands; the
British Colony of Hongkong; and the
Portuguese Colony of Macao. The work
will also contain the Principal Treaties
between European countries and the
United States and the countries East
of the Straits, together with conditions
of Trade, and the Port, Customs, Con-
sular and Harbour Regulations for the
Ports of China and Japan; and a de-
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Trade Statistics taken from the Reports
of the Imperial Maritime Customs and
other reliable sources.

The various Governments and Mu-
nicipal Corporations will be applied to
for information, and all Public Bodies
and Companies, Bankers, Merchant
Consuls, and Professional and other
Residents, will supply the necessary
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Military portions will be taken from
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Directory has ever been published,
either in Hongkong, or any other
part of the East, at the price.

"Telegraph" Office, Hongkong;

October 1st, 1881.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG HARBOUR.

Exclusive of late arrivals and departures this morning.

In this table the anchorage of Hongkong Harbour is divided, for purposes
of reference, into five sections:—No. 1 extending from Green Island to the P.
and O. Company's Wharf; No. 2 from the P. & O. Company's Wharf to the
Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Wharf; No. 3 from the Canton and Macao
Steamboat Co.'s Wharf to the Government Wharf; No. 4 from the Govern-
ment Wharf to the Waichai Pier; and No. 5 from the Waichai Pier to
Kellett's Island.

Vessels.	Section.	Date of Arrival.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.
Steamers.						
Arratoon Apour Asia	3 Jan.	31 Dec.	Macavish Djourup	British Danish	1392 880	O. Sassoon, Sons & Co. Siemssen & Co.
Cassandra Ooba	3 Jan.	5 Nov.	Ahrens Edgar	German American	1097 373	Siemssen & Co. Captain.
Consolation Conquest	* Dec.	15 R. Young	British	764	Yuen Fat Hong.	
	3 Sept.	28 Hamlin	British	318	Shun Hing Hong.	
Dalo Decima	3 Jan.	7 P. H. Loft	British German	644 1151	Yuen Fat Hong. Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
Fama Feronia Fokien	3 Dec.	24 Nagel	British German	117 1115	H. K. & W. Dook Co. Siemssen & Co.	
	3 Jan.	11 Abbott	British	509	D. Lapraik & Co.	
Gaelic Glencoe	3 Jan.	4 Hallett	British British	1712 1901	O. & O. S. S. Co. Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
	3 Dec.	31 Gulland	British			
Hwai-yueh Hainan Helios Himalaya Hongkong	3 Jan.	12 Wilson	Chinese British	984 274	C. M. S. N. Co. Along & Co.	
	* Jan.	1 Speechly	British	1428	Melchers & Co.	
	3 Dec.	12 Lazarich	Aust. Hain.	600	Captain.	
	3 Jan.	10 Beadle	British	67	K. Acheong & Sons.	
	1 Oct.	28				
Joloano	3 Dec.	19 J. Marquez	Spanish	654	R. Mourente.	
Moray	9 Jan.	6 Tutton	British	2427	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
Nelson Ningpo Norden	3 Nov.	26 Thorn	British British	894 761	Geo. R. Stevens & Co. Siemssen & Co.	
	3 Jan.	12 R. Cass	British	778	Siemssen & Co.	
	3 Jan.	8 Rasmussen	Danish			
Pernambuco	2 Jan.	8 Hyde	British	643	Melchers & Co.	
Sea Gull Shun Tip Suez Sunda	4 July	7 Hayden Man Fu	American Annamese	48 93	China Traders Co. Captain.	
	1 Jan.	1 Jarvis	British	561	Kung Onn.	
	2 Jan.	4 W. W. Dodd	British	1390	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
	1 Jan.	8 Reeves	British	1029	P. & O. S. N. Co.	
Vladivostok Volmer Vorwaerts	2 Dec.	29 Voronoff	Russian Danish	678 979	Ed. Schellhass & Co. Siemssen & Co.	
	4 Dec.	30 Hintzmann	Danish	611	Wieler & Co.	
	2 Jan.	13 Evers	German			
Wyoliffe	3 Jan.	13 Boswell	British	602	C. M. S. N. Co.	
Yangtze Yee-lay Yottung	3 Sept.	30 Schultze	British Annamese	782 1204	Siemssen & Co. Captain.	
	1 July	7 Lee Tung Tu	British	284	Kwok Acheong & Sons.	
	1 Jan.	12 Konnett	British			

* Kowloon Dock. † Cosmopolitan Dock. ‡ Aberdeen Dock. ** Patent Slip.

Sailing Vessels.

Alden Bosse	2 Jan.	8 Noyes	Amer. bark	842	Rozario & Co.
Belle Morse	4 Nov.	17 Norton	Amer. ship	1307	Order.
Blue Jacket	4 Nov.	21 Percival	Amer. ship	1396	Ed. Schellhass & Co.
Carl Gerhard	2 Dec.	27 F. Sahr	Ger. bark	331	Ed. Schellhass & Co.
Charon Wattana	2 Jan.	2 Ulrich	Siam. ship	656	Chinese.
Christiana Redman	4 Dec.	27 Orat	Amer. bark	589	Master.
Ottanille	2 Dec.	3 Hunt	Brit. bark	762	Captain.
Colombo	1 Jan.	1 Noyes	Amer. bark	854	Chinese.
Daniel Barnes	3 July	22 J. G. Stover	Amer. ship	1485	Vogel & Co.
Delphin	3 Jan.	12 Lillenthal	Ger. bark	238	Melchers & Co.
Elise	2 Dec.	8 Bruha	Ger. bark	513	Wieler & Co.
Esmeralda	2 Nov.	7 H. Brook	Ger. bark	788	Siemssen & Co.
Esperance	2 Dec.	24 Le Normant	Fran. bark	272	Carlovitz & Co.
Ferdinand	2 Jan.	7 Westergaard	Ger. bark	416	D. Lapraik & Co.
Harmonia	2 Jan.	2 Beilsken	Ger. ship	358	Siemssen & Co.
Hecht	4 Dec.	3 W. Ploetz	Ger. bark	1195	Captain.
Holicon	4 Oct.	5 Howe	Amer. ship	1195	Captain.
Henrik Ibsen	2 Nov.	26 Dau	Norw. bark	274	Siemssen & Co.
Hermine	3 Dec.	7 Meyer	Ger. bark	356	Ed. Schellhass & Co.
Iraza	3 Dec.	12 A. Pearce	Brit. bark	327	Captain.
J. H. Bowers	2 Dec.	2 Barkness	Amer. bark	784	Chinese.
Laurel	3 Jan.	4 Grasam	Brit. bark	638	Captain.
Lota	2 Nov.	24 Duffield	Brit. bark	473	Chinese.
Lucy	2 Oct.	30 Habekost	Brit. ship	219	Chinese.
Marie	2 Jan.	9 Schildt	Brit. ship	1218	Captain.
Molpomono	4 Jan.	11 Thiemig	Ger. ship	1029	Captain.
Morning Star	3	— Michaelson	Siam. bark	570	Chinese.
Nestor	4 Jan.	11 Warrar	Ger. ship	1367	Captain.
Niobolas Thayer	2 Nov.	25 R. S. Craley	Amer. bark	585	Gibb, Livingston & Co.
Panay	6 Dec.	8 S. P. Bray	Amer. ship	1190	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Rajah	Jan.	18 Albrecht	Ger. ship	1358	Captain.
Raven	3 Jan.	4 W. Veal	Brit. bark	343	Chinese.
Red Cross	4 Nov.	18 Howland	Amer. ship	1300	Order.
Ringleader	6 Dec.	2 W. E. Bray	Amer. ship	1183	Captain.
San Francisco	2 Dec.	29 Oilmanns	Ger. schr.	257	Siemssen & Co.
Schwam	2 Nov.	24 T. Schroder	Ger. brig	276	Siemssen & Co.
Spartan	6 Nov.	15 Vincent	Amer. schr.	80	W. H. Ray.
Spirit of the Age	3 Nov.	17 Williams	Brit. bark	347	Chinese.
Stonewall Jackson	4 Sept.	16 Swain	Amer. bark	1102	Russell & Co.
Syren	2 Oct.	5 Braun	Amer. ship	875	D. Lapraik & Co.
Twilight	6 Sept.	27 Westland	Amer. ship	1303	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
Wakefield	6 Jan.	12 Crowell	Amer. bark	837	Captain.
Walla Castle	8 Dec.	11 Brown	Brit. bark	626	Captain.
Wielhelm	3 Dec.	23 Willmsen	Ger. ship	1350	Siemssen & Co.
W. J. Roteh	2 Jan.	9 Bray	Amer. ship	1717	Captain.

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